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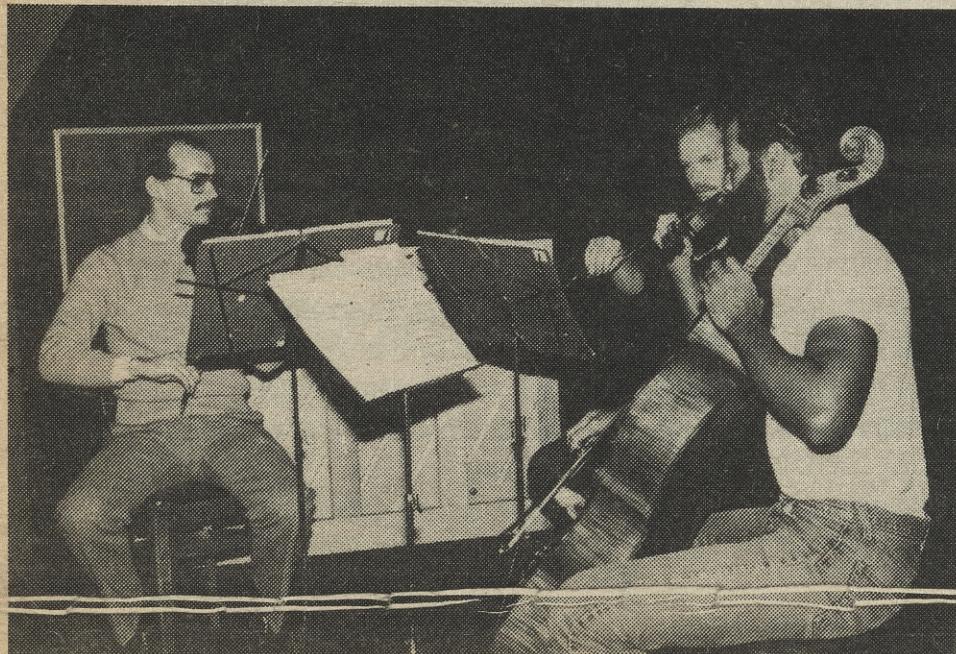
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AIDS Benefit

Bruce Silva, Steve Warren, and Stanley Wallace joined other musicians in providing classy entertainment at the benefit for the new Sacramento chapter of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation at Club 21 Jan. 27. More photos on pages 6 and 7.

National Demo Committee OKs Lesbian/Gay Caucus, Two Join

The Democratic National Committee approved the establishment of a Lesbian and Gay Caucus during its meeting in Washington, D.C. Feb. 4-6.

Although the caucus, whose members must belong to the 374-member National Committee, has only two members now, its approval is considered to be a "major advance for gay rights."

The biggest surprise in the effort to include the Lesbian and Gay Caucus in the party structure was the ease with which it was accomplished. Needing signatures from 10 percent of the National Committee members, organizers of the caucus got twice the number needed, and said they could have ob-

tained even more. The signatures included those of 17 state party chairs and vice-chairs.

So far, only Steve Smith of Los Angeles and Dick Hansen of Minnesota have joined the new group. Both other gay and non-gay members of the National Committee will be able to join also.

Gary Miller, chair of the Democratic Party in Sacramento County and local gay activist, told The Star, "I certainly am excited to see a Lesbian and Gay Caucus within the national Democratic Party."

Miller continued, "It will help to elect pro-gay candidates nationally and will help us on a local level as well."*

Valley Knights Donate \$1700 To Aquarian Effort

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club has presented a check for more than \$1,700 to the Aquarian Effort Medical Clinic. Clinic director Duane Russell accepted the check, representing the proceeds from the club's annual Christmas benefit, at the Valley Knights' January meeting, held at the Diamond Butterfly.

The amount raised at this year's "Extra-Terrestrial Christmas" show broke all previous records in the motor-

cycle club's six years of staging the event. A detailed statement of income and expenses for the show was made available for public inspection at the meeting.

Several speakers expressed gratitude to the Valley Knights for their community building efforts, noting the great amount of time and work that goes into producing a large fundraiser. Officers of the club acknowledged the support and cooperation of many people

Local AIDS News

AIDS Kills Primates At UCD; Cancer Society To Fight KS

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Two recent developments in the continuing effort to understand the mysterious Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) have occurred in the Sacramento area.

The Star has learned of a suspected outbreak of immune-deficiency syndrome at the University of California, Davis, Primate Center.

The Sacramento Unit of the American Cancer Society said the Cancer Society is eager to help in the fight against AIDS and associated diseases, particularly Kaposi's Sarcoma. They said also that they would welcome assistance from the gay community.

An informed source at UCD said researchers at the Primate Center strongly suspect AIDS as the killer of a number of the center's animals recently. Autopsies on primates that died for no apparent reason showed them to be highly immune-deficient.

According to the source, a similar incident also occurred at a primate

center in Boston.

Because these occurrences add further complications to AIDS research, the scientists have not yet made their findings public. Publication of the results of their investigations into the primate deaths is expected soon, the source said, "perhaps in March."

Since primate centers provide a strictly controlled study population, free from variables such as drug use, poor nutrition, and multiple anonymous sexual contacts, the apparent occurrence of AIDS in this setting may prove to be a help to research.

At the same time however, the apparent incidence of AIDS among these primates raises further questions about its cause and transmission.

The Star contacted the local office of the American Cancer Society recently to check on rumors that the society was not receptive to requests that it get involved in the fight against Kaposi's Sarcoma, a skin cancer that is one of

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Houston Police Grudgingly Accept Gay Applicants

People applying for jobs on the Houston Police Department will no longer be asked during lie-detector examinations if they are gay, Mayor Kathy Whitmire told The Associated Press Feb. 2.

Police officials removed nine questions about previous sexual activity from the test because U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer ruled last August that Texas' ban on homosexual conduct is unconstitutional. However, Buchmeyer's ruling is being appealed by the state.

Examiners still will ask applicants if they have "engaged in any sexual ac-

tivity for which they might be blackmailed" or which would cause embarrassment to the department, the mayor said.

"I think it's fair," she said of the change.

Whitmire's spokesman Paul Mabry said the change affects both a pre-screening employment questionnaire and the lie-detector test.

Lee Harrington, past president of Houston's Gay Political Caucus, said he is pleased with the change.

"It cleans up the application to make it fair and equitable to all who want to apply to become a police officer," he said.

But Harrington said he did not think "gays will be flocking to the police department because of this."

The Houston Police Officers Association responded to Buchmeyer's decision last summer by circulating among officers a petition aimed at discouraging the hiring of gays for the police force.

Mike Wood, who was union vice president at the time, said having gays on the force would create "chaos, controversy and conflict."

Bill Elkin, currently president of the POA, said he has cooled the petition effort, pending the outcome of the state's appeal of Buchmeyer's ruling.*

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted
Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B
In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids
such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications
For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine
After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lump-like spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101°F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102°F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

OPINION**AIDS Crisis Requires Thought, Not Panic**

A couple of months ago, we used the word "panic" in a headline about gay San Franciscans' reaction to the spreading epidemic of AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Now it seems as if a preoccupation with AIDS, if not a full-fledged panic, has hit Sacramento's gay male community. Everywhere we go, it seems, people are talking about it. It has become such a universal topic that people can ask, as one did the other night, "What did we talk about before AIDS came along?"

We are tempted to add another question: "Can't we talk about anything else?"

This is not to say that the community should not discuss AIDS and the few solid facts that we know about it. But there is a danger in dwelling too much on it — the danger of self-induced panic inflamed by rumors, half-truths, and outright misinformation.

At the recent forum on AIDS and its effect on lifestyles, several panelists and members of the audience accused the press, gay as well as non-gay, of playing up the sensational aspects of this health phenomenon. These speakers felt that the press was declaring major breakthroughs in research when in fact scientists have only begun to chip away at the mass of evidence and speculation. They felt that the press was contributing to negative attitudes in and toward the gay community by using such terms as "gay cancer" and ignoring the other groups afflicted with AIDS. And finally, they charged that the press was overstating the case with its continual references to "victims" of AIDS.

Part of the problem here is the nature of journalism, which aims for quick, readable transmission of information. Unfortunately, most news is complex and subtle, and some of the complexities and subtleties inevitably get lost in the

transmission.

We must agree that some of the coverage in the gay press has been somewhat sensational and negative. One San Francisco paper, for example, seems to feature an AIDS-related death on the front page of every issue.

The Star and other papers in Sacramento have steered clear of this approach. We feel that the story is important, even vital — but what is important is not so much the tragedy as the efforts to understand, to communicate, to cooperate, to go on building our community.

And that attitude is what we all need to cultivate and keep foremost in our minds as we think about and talk about this shadowy threat in our midst. Because AIDS has hit hardest in the gay male community, it is important for that community to take responsibility for leading the fight to find out more about it and to communicate that information to

those who need to know it.

It is equally important for the gay male community not to take blame for AIDS. As many people have pointed out, a crisis like this, which seems to strike at some of the basic attitudes and practices of gay life, can bring out the ugly dregs of internalized homophobia from deep within us. Let us be quite clear on this point: AIDS is not some kind of supernatural punishment for being gay.

Let's be realistic about it: the way to combat AIDS is not to close all the bars and baths; it is to launch a massive lobbying effort in Congress and every state legislature. The way to combat AIDS is not to swear off sex forever; it is to take care and responsibility in our sexual relations. The way to combat AIDS is not to believe every hysterical rumor or to refuse to listen at all because it's just too unpleasant; it is to find and absorb all the facts and evidence we can, and then act accordingly. *

Lioness Books Readies New Building, Plans Coffeehouse

By SANDRALEE WAHLSTROM

Lioness Books, the Sacramento Rape Crisis Center, and Women's Employment Services and Training (WEST) will be moving into a newly-remodeled building around April 1. Soon after the move, a coffee house will also be opened in the new building, according to Theresa Corrigan, a partner in Lioness Books.

The move from Lioness Books' present location at 1311 21st Street to the new "women's building" at 2224 J Street will allow expansion of the store as well as additional space for other activities sponsored by Lioness, Rape Crisis, and WEST.

The bookstore and coffee house will occupy the ground floor of the new facility. The Rape Crisis Center, currently sharing space with the bookstore, will be on the second floor along with WEST, a service for CETA-eligible women in Sacramento.

The new coffee house will be open four or five evenings a week, providing an alternative to bars as a place to meet people or just to relax. The coffee house will also provide a place for poetry readings and musical performances. During the day and on evenings when it is not open for business, it will be available for meetings. A calendar of events will also be posted in the coffee house.

At present, Lioness Books is open from noon to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday. After the move, and when the coffee house opens, the bookstore will expand its hours to correspond to the hours of the coffee house.

Lioness Books is a feminist bookstore, an outlet for local artists, a clearinghouse for information on happenings in the community — all of these things and more.

Lioness Books tries to stock books by and about women that support a positive

image of women," stated Theresa Corrigan, a partner in the bookstore. This expanding store manages to do that and much more.

Lioness has books for children and about children, how-to books, and self-help books. They carry fiction, non-fiction and science-fiction, as well as books dealing with physical and emotional well-being.

Lioness also carries a large variety of lesbian and gay men's literature, magazines, and newspapers.

In addition to the impressive selection of books and periodicals, Lioness stocks a wide range of greeting cards, some of

them hand-screened, all of them beautiful. Lioness also provides a choice of wrapping paper for special gifts.

Lioness tries to provide an outlet for local artists and displays many beautiful and unusual items for sale. There are ceramic pieces, small glass boxes, rubber stamps, and jewelry. Cassettes by the Choral Majority are also available.

A feminist tarot deck, a wide variety of buttons and bumper stickers, T-shirts, calendars, satin ties, even "undies" — Lioness seems to have a bit of everything! In case you just can't make a decision, Lioness also has gift certificates. *

NOW Chapters Support UCD Employee Who Won't Remove Feminist Poster

Sacramento Area NOW and Yolo County NOW have announced their support of Merri Mindlin, a UC Davis financial aids employee facing dismissal for her refusal to remove a feminist poster from her private office bulletin board.

Shireen Miles, president of Sacramento NOW, and Linda Joplin, Coordinator of Yolo County NOW, charge that the university's actions force Mindlin to choose between dismissal from employment and her constitutionally-guaranteed right to freedom of speech.

The poster in question is entitled "Twelve suggestions for heterosexual men who want to know how they can support the women's movement." So far the only reason given by the University for requiring Mindlin to remove the poster is that certain office personnel find its frank language "objectionable."

Mindlin's supervisors also claim that her display of the poster constitutes "sexual harassment."

Mindlin is supported in her grievance not only by both area chapters of NOW, but also by the Davis Men's Collective.

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RIP-OFFS & ROSES

Cold Remedies: 'Stick It Up Your Nose'

This week we discovered that every person in this office was using a nasal spray. Now, in this season of colds and flu, that's not too much of a shocker, but what got to us was that each person had chosen a different brand, and insisted that it was the only one that worked. One went so far as to deride the editor's Four-Way as "kid stuff," announcing that he had been using his brand for five weeks.

Nasal sprays are a good introduction to the general subject of cold remedies; they present all the hype and hoopla that OTC (over-the-counter) remedies are famous for, and add another facet, too. That's an important one to consider — you can become physically dependent on nasal sprays, a kind of minor addiction.

Let's get one thing clear at the outset. There are NO cures for the common cold. Any remedy you buy is merely a device to lessen your symptoms and make you more comfortable. Aspirin, bed rest and plenty of fluids are the indicated treatment, with the addition of extra vitamin C, if you believe that unproven but seemingly effective theory.

A quick check of the ingredients of most cold nostrums bears this out. The largest percentage of them contain aspirin, which classically relieves body aches and pains and lowers fever. Beyond that, it's anyone's ball game, and the list of drugs that you can obtain for colds is long and confusing. And, as we all know, when the consumer is confused, the seller makes fine use of that for his product.

The result is that most brand name cold remedies are overpriced and offer exaggerated claims. Let's consider aspirin first. One brand proudly announces that it contains "more of the pain-reliever doctors recommend most often." We certainly hope so, since that pain-reliever is simple aspirin.

As it turns out, aspirin is a specific chemical compound, and all versions of it that meet USP (United States Pharmacopeia) standards are exactly the same. Any differences in the product are due to varied methods of pressing the tablets or coating them. Claims of faster relief have been proven false in several tests; *Consumer Reports* tried a cross-section of the product, and all gave the same results. Conclusion? Buy the cheapest aspirin in your market or drug store.

Another interesting result concerns buffered aspirin, a product made for those with sensitive stomachs. Apparently all aspirin of any type causes stomach bleeding, and the amount of

antacid in the buffered product was not enough to prevent aspirin's acid effect. On this one, you can save money by buying aspirin and taking it with food or milk.

Acetaminophen, commonly best known as "Tylenol," is another pain-reliever for those who are sensitive to aspirin. Although not as effective as aspirin in all cases, it serves a function. The best route here, again, is to buy the cheapest version available — acetaminophen is another standard compound.

Cold remedies? Well, there are far too many of them to consider individually. Most contain some form of antihistamine, a drug that cuts back on all those distressing drips and sniffles by reducing body fluids output. Problem with them is that most antihistamines tend to make the user drowsy; as a matter of fact, most OTC sleep-aids are just antihistamines, so be careful in your choice of cold compounds if you have to drive or operate machinery.

Another problem is that many cold compounds contain an array of drugs, some useful to you, some not. Check the labels, especially if you're combining a cold remedy with aspirin or other drugs; you could be overdoing it. Rather than leaving your symptoms to the whimsy of a pharmaceutical concoction, you might better treat your personal condition with a personal combination of your own making.

Runny nose and headache? Use a nasal spray and aspirin, and skip compounds that include medication for a cough and other aches you don't have. Dry cough? Try a simple home remedy of lemon juice and honey; if that doesn't

work, buy any of a number of cough syrups with dextromethorphan, a drug that makes your body think it doesn't have to cough as often.

Drugs can never do it alone. You have to help. Cut back on smoking, if you smoke, and eliminate poppers, if you use them. No point in further irritating a sensitive respiratory system. All those nasal drips may have made your tummy queasy, too, so eat lightly for less discomfort there. Recent studies have found that chicken soup is not merely an old-wives' tale; it's soothing, warm, and restores the liquid and minerals your body needs.

And those nasal sprays? Sometimes repeated use causes what's called a "rebound." That means your nasal membranes shrink when sprayed, then swell again from the irritation of the drug itself. This keeps repeating until you have to use the spray constantly. Stay away from them unless you have no other means of breathing; try a pill such as Sinutabs or Sudafed instead.

If you must use them, though, you might want to check your favorite brand to see which of several drugs appears in it. Then ask your local druggist if there's a generic version of the spray; it may not work any better, but it will save you money.

Bad as you feel, remember that Spring is only a couple months away, and that first warm sunshine will make you feel better than any OTC drug.

If you have consumer problems or questions, write to us at Stonewall Features Syndicate, P.O. Box 222976, Carmel, California 93922. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We'll be happy to hear from you.★

Mardi Gras Parade, Jambalaya Party Set For Feb. 20

A Mardi Gras Parade and Jambalaya Party featuring Cajun food and music will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 to benefit Project T.R.E.E. (Truancy Prevention, Recreation, Education and Employment).

The parade will start at 12:30 p.m. at Sutter's Fort, 27th and K Streets and will proceed down K Street to 20th Street. Bring costumes, kids and masks.

The Jambalaya Party will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Vangari's Restaurant, 2000 K St. Entertainment at Vangari's will include The Bob Hirsch Dixieland Jazz Allstars, Wilda Baughn, The Dave Bonds Blues Band, Peewee Wilkins, The

Hot Links, The Blue Flame Stringband, Cajun accordionist Danny Poulard, Bleu Gumbo, The Voices of Inspiration, Cynthia Llano, and Will Spires, as well as a slide show of the Mardi Gras down in New Orleans.

Authentic Cajun dinners will also be available. Advance tickets for the party and the dinners are on sale at Tower Posters, 16th and Broadway in Sacramento.

Each adult admission and each Cajun dinner costs \$4 in advance and \$5 each at Vangari's. \$1 off for those under 15 years.

To participate in the parade or to get more information, call Anita at 920-3758 or Peter at 452-7559.★

City Council Puts Off Action On Adult Movie Booths

A City Council committee postponed action last week on a proposed ordinance which would strengthen control on movie arcades at adult bookstores.

At its Feb. 3 meeting, the Law and Legislation Committee of the Sacramento City Council heard testimony on the proposed ordinance, which would require that booths showing sexually-explicit films be open so that police officers could see inside.

The ordinance was opposed by several attorneys representing adult bookstore owners.

Attorney Tom Williams, representing the Adult Discount Center on Del Paso Boulevard and two Sacramento Film Exchange adult bookstores, said the ordinance would effectively do away with picture arcades. "If you can't have three walls, you can't have a booth, you can't have a picture arcade. You have a theater."

Williams suggested that the ordinance require arcade owners to remove the doors on the booths, allowing police to survey the interior while still allowing three walls to contain the viewing machines.

But police Capt. Felix Luna said taking the doors down would not solve their concerns about lewd acts occurring in the arcades.

"Those places are dimly lit," he said. "Those aisles and booths are dark and sexual contacts are being made."

Because of time constraints, the committee decided to carry over the discussion until March 3.★

SacPAC Regroups, Seeks Members

The Sacramento Political Action Committee met Feb. 2, to launch a membership drive. Observers were also present from the Court, Our River City Family, the County Democratic Party, and the Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

SacPAC has not been reorganized into the Gay Democratic Club, as had been reported elsewhere. Following its success in the recent elections, SacPAC was dormant for a couple of months. However, it has recovered its treasury and post office box from the GDC, and plans a vigorous program of membership and fundraising drives.

In contrast to other local groups, SacPAC endorses candidates and issues of interest to gay people without regard to partisan politics. It focuses mostly on issues at the city and county level.

For more information, contact the acting moderator, Walt Preston, at 391-1362.★

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Gays Fear Blame In Orange County AIDS Epidemic

The Orange County director of epidemiology has called an outbreak of acquired immune deficiency syndrome there a "limited epidemic" and local gay men are saying they are worried that it will prompt a public backlash against gay people.

At least two men died and 12 others, all of them gay, have contracted AIDS in Orange County, health officials in Santa Ana told The Associated Press.

"We're kind of afraid we're going to get blamed for it," said Bob Berg, a bartender at Newport Station in Costa Mesa.

The county's chief health officer, Dr. Rex Ehling, said Jan. 26 that his department would advise area doctors to watch for symptoms of AIDS.

One death occurred Jan. 23 and the other in December, both at the University of California-Irvine Medical Center, said Dr. Sudhir Gupta, the center's chief of immunology. The victims' names weren't released.

According to Gupta, although pneumonia was the immediate cause of death, the two men contracted the disease because AIDS left their bodies unable to fight infection.

Gupta said one man now undergoing treatment at UCI Medical Center has contracted tuberculosis and meningitis as a result of the immune deficiency, but nine other men are being treated as outpatients.

"The rest are stable, but you can never predict in these cases when they will contract other complications," Gupta said.

At least two other men are being treated for AIDS at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, he said.

"Last year we could hardly find a case, but now we have 10 to 15 people being treated and two deaths," said Dr.

Thomas Prendergast, county director of epidemiology.

"The disease here is not restricted to homosexual men," he said. "That is just one area where it is highly identifiable. It is now clear that it also affects women, children and other men who are not homosexuals."

He added that it was not a danger to the general population. But he also said he plans to ask gay men in Orange County to stop donating blood.

One of the two Orange County men who died was 47-year-old Crawford Hartley, part-owner of the Coast Inn motel in Laguna Beach. Hartley was the main liaison between the police and the gay community, according to Robert Marsh, Hartley's friend of 22 years.

Marsh said he also fears a backlash.

"People don't realize they're just as vulnerable," he said. "The media reports it as homosexuals, Haitians and drug users... They fail to mention that this is a disease that surfaced in the gay community. It doesn't mean it's going to stay there. We feel we're getting a bum rap. I feel that so much of it is slanderous and being sensationalized."

But that feeling doesn't mean Orange County gays aren't concerned. At least 10 Coast Inn employees are awaiting the results of diagnostic blood tests, and AIDS has become a major topic of conversation.

"People are a lot more careful about whom they're going out with, people they meet," said a bartender at the Coast Inn's Boom Boom Room. "The subject almost always comes up, from what I hear here."

Chuck Peddie, a bartender at the Little Shrimp in Laguna Beach, agreed.

"I know people are more careful about their sexual activities," Peddie said. "I know that bath houses have slowed down a lot."*

Simple Forms For Do-It-Yourself Wills Now Legal In California, Cost Only \$1

Forms for simple, do-it-yourself four-page wills are now available in California for \$1. The wills, drafted last year by the state Legislature, became legal Jan. 1.

The forms, previously in short supply, are now available in many places. The Associated Press reported Feb. 2. The state bar has printed 40,000 of the forms.

Although such wills have been available in the United Kingdom for 25 years, California is the first state to approve them.

"The purpose was to provide California residents with an uncomplicated method and simple statutory procedure where they could leave their property to heirs effectively, legally and inexpensively," said Irving Kellogg, a Century City attorney.

State bar officials estimate that 57 percent of Californians haven't had lawyers draw up wills for them.

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Grin And Bare It

Eight men participated in the Stripper Contest at the Power Plant's Bare-It-All Ball Jan. 27. The eight got down to the bare essentials in individual stripteases and then joined each other in a final dance.

Three Experimental New VD Tests Will Give Quicker Results, Researchers Claim

Scientists, using new tailor-made antibodies, have developed quick, relatively simple tests for three major venereal diseases — gonorrhea, herpes simplex type 2 and chlamydia.

Dr. Robert C. Nowinski, scientific director of Genetic Systems Corp. in Seattle and an affiliate professor of microbiology at the University of Washington, said the tests reduce from days to minutes the time it takes to identify such sexually transmitted infections.

The chlamydia test has already been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and approval is expected later this year for the other two.

Nowinski said that the tests should have a significant health impact when they are ready for general use, possibly by early 1984.

The developments were reported Feb. 3 in a special issue of Science magazine devoted to the booming field of biotechnology. The diagnostic tests are a joint product of researchers at Genetic Systems, the university, and Syntex

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How Did You Meet Your Lover?

All In The Family

This letter is in response to your question — "How did you meet your lover?" Well, I have a somewhat interesting story to tell. My lover, "Itty-Boo" (her nickname), is the sister of my ex-boyfriend of six years, who is also now gay.

Her brother and I were good friends and a good cover for each other until we were old enough and mature enough to "come out" and discontinue our romantic relationship. Shortly thereafter, he and I came out to his sister, who in turn (and in surprise) came out to us.

She and I always liked each other, although we were only acquaintances up until that point, but as we grew closer those "love sparks" began to fly.

Our friends find our situation amusing, but it is "all in the family."

"MINNIE-MOO"

Fluff Fem & Gorgeous Butch

Dear Star:

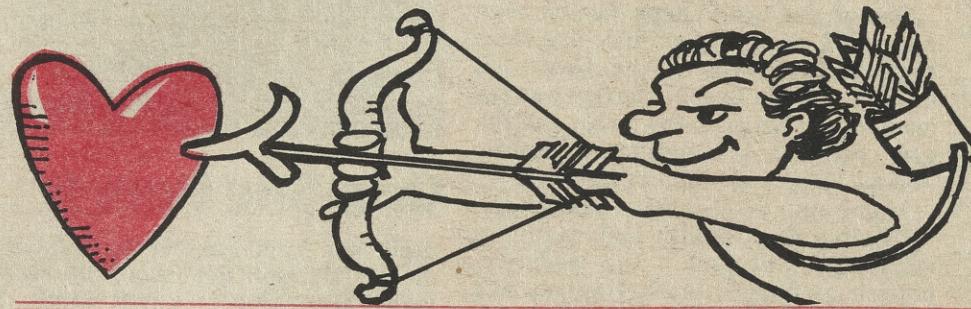
How wonderful! You asked, "How did you meet your lover?" and I never grow tired of telling "our" story!

It seems like yesterday when I think of our meeting, but before I tell you of the exact moment you need a little history. I had been out only about six months and already I knew I was a "fluff fem." I was stumbling through yet another awkward relationship.

I was living with a very pleasant woman, but neither three weeks knowing her nor two weeks living with her insured a lifelong friendship or undying love. At that point, having had several unsuccessful relationships with both men and women, I was almost convinced that there was no such thing as love. I was totally bored with my job as a taxi driver, with my roommate — a nice but

way to Wednesday evening services at MCC.

At 6 p.m. the clock was chiming, the doorbell rang — and my roommate called from another room, "Can you get that?" I opened the door and, although I heard my ex-lover introduce me to a blonde woman and her child, I was dumbfounded by the sight of the third woman standing there.



unfulfilling relationship, and life in general.

One week, to the day, before we met, I tested for the Air Force and passed in the upper three percent, but had to lose seven pounds before my physical. For extra exercise I was walking the mile and a half to and from work. The pounds were beginning to drop. I spread the word among my friends that I'd be leaving Sacramento very soon to join Uncle Sam.

When an ex-lover (bull dyke turned friend) heard of my plans, she telephoned to offer me the use of her bicycle and I gladly accepted. Arrangements were made for her to bring the bike to my "new" apartment that very night on her

She was the most gorgeous butch I'd ever seen. She had short wavy black hair and dark brown eyes, and the rest of her body was right in every way. I stuttered. I drooled. I stumbled over furniture. I wasn't at all coherent and made some feeble excuse as I asked her — I mean them — to come in.

While my "ex" tried to impress me with the bike and my "present" tried to be polite to my "ex," I knew I had just met my "happily ever after," and nothing else mattered.

So what if she had been with the blonde for two and a half years? So what if I didn't belong to MCC? So what if I put the Air Force on the back burner?

From that mid-October night it took me until January 1 to set the world "straight." I became a member of the church, was no longer going into the service, and moved in with that gorgeous butch.

After a decade together, give or take a year or so, I'm proud to say that there is such a thing as love at first sight. But more important, there is such a thing as love.

Her name is Alli, mine is Judy, and we're both McGehee.

Thanks for asking.

JUDY McGEHEE

Lust At First Sight

Dear Star:

I do hope you're sitting down. We met through a mutual friend, at a very conventional protestant church.

We were going to help each other walk the "straight" and narrow path.

Well, it was lust at first sight. So we moved in together, stopped going to church (Hallelujah!), and we've been in love ever since. That was over four years ago, and they said it couldn't last.

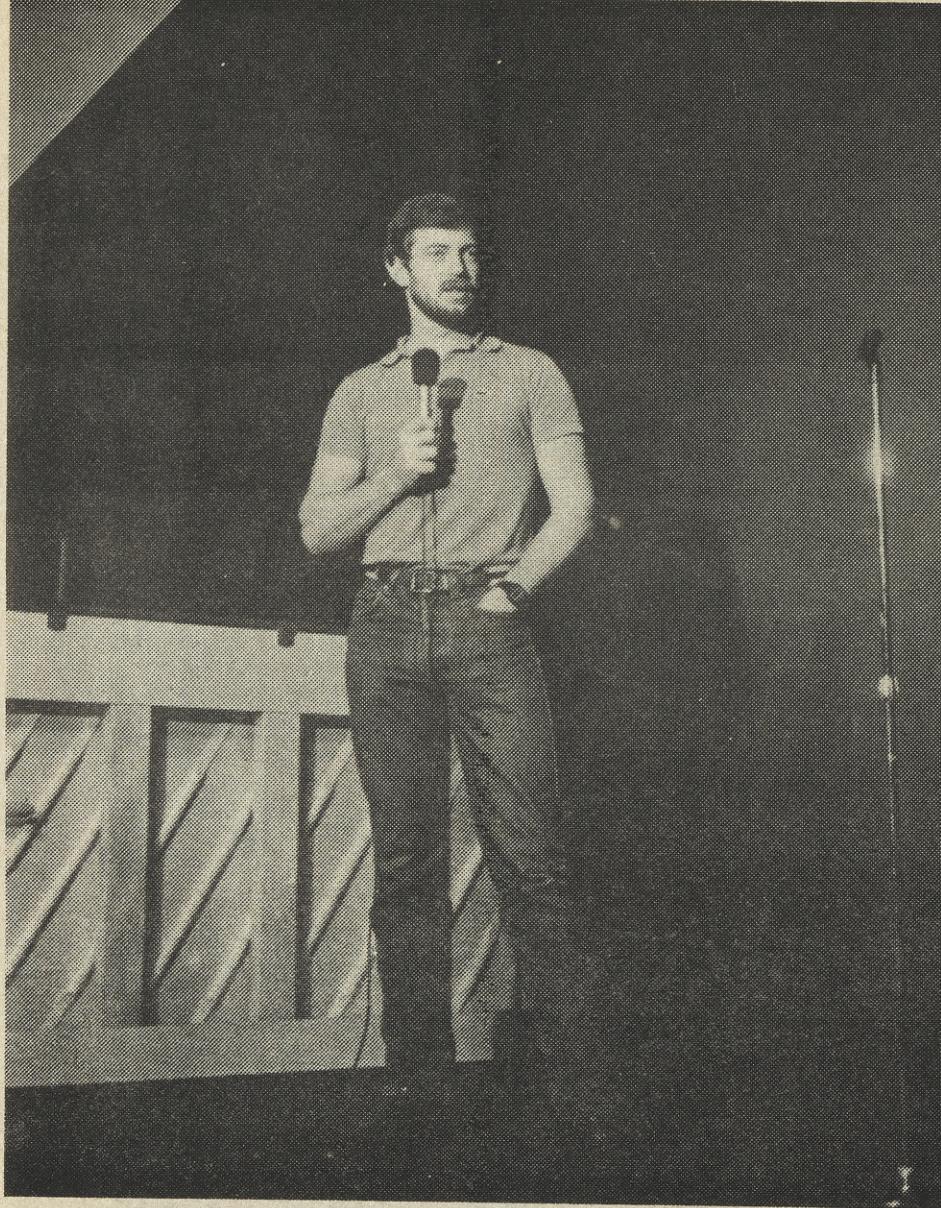
No, "S" wasn't my type. Colonel Sanders and I never agreed; what a cradle robber I was! But then, I had just grown pubes myself.

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SHAWN & MARTY

P.S. Excuse my grammar; I'm writing by candlelight. We're playing strip Monopoly, and I'm losing (what fun).

Fundraiser Launches Local AIDS Foundation



Clay Hoag shared his experience of dealing with his partner's illness and ultimate death from AIDS. His moving account convinced many in the audience of the need for a support group to deal with this health crisis.



Kathy Gage, Carole Thompson, Pat Medina, Ellen McCord, Elizabeth Harrison, and Anna Harrison (kneeling) join in a showing of solidarity and sisterhood as they prepare to work with their gay brothers.

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Traditional Family Dinner For Chinese New Year

By JASON LINDO

I never knew my Chinese-Hawaiian great-grandfather; he died many years before I was born. Yet his presence was a very deep-felt part of my childhood.

Gung-Gung (Chinese for grandfather) was born Wong Kam Chong on a sugar plantation on the island of Kaua'i. At an early age he returned to his father's native province of Canton. Later, he came back to The Islands to marry a pure Hawaiian chieftess named Cecilia Ka'upena, my great-grandmother.

When my mother was born, my grandparents were living in a one-room apartment attached to Gung-Gung's house. My great-grandmother died the same year my mother was born, and my mother spent the first seven years of her life in the shadow of Papa Wong, a stern, yet loving, patriarch. I grew up on memories of him told by my mother.

Two times a year my great-grandfather's presence was particularly felt in our home: at Ching Ming, when the Chinese remember the souls of the dead, and particularly at Chinese New Year.

At Chinese New Year my entire family gather together to perform the rituals Papa Wong performed, to eat the special dishes Papa Wong prepared, to sip plum wine and remember the good old days when Papa Wong would bounce my mother and her cousins on his knee while



The Year of the Boar

Sunday, Feb. 13 marks the start of the year 4681 according to the Chinese lunar calendar. In the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac, 1983 is the year of the Boar. Other Boar years this century are 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, and 1995.

he smoked his hand-rolled cigars, the smoke sweetened with dried miu-lang flowers.

The preparations for New Year's celebrations when I was a child started the week before, when my grandfather went to Chinatown to buy the dried oysters, bird's nest, dried lichees, Chinese candies, and plum wine needed for the New Year's dinner.

All week long, my whole family prepared their specialties. Aunty Emily cooked spareribs, Aunty Babe made the New Year's pudding called gau and black-bean fish. My grandfather prepared pork hash and abalone or bird's nest soup. My grandmother cooked up her famous pig's feet and my Aunty Nini fried noodles. The list went on and on down to the cousins and their children.

When the day arrived, we met at my Uncle Jimmy and Aunty Nini's house for the family meal. Papa Wong had left the house to my Aunt when he died.

Sometime around three in the afternoon, my uncles would set off long strings of firecrackers to chase the evil spirits away and we all had a small glass of plum wine — even us kids. We then exchanged coins wrapped in red paper called lee-see, which would be put into a dresser drawer or wallet pocket for prosperity throughout the New Year.

In her whisper of a voice, my Aunty Babe would tell the fortunes of those

whose year it was to be, her tiny hands and owl eyes made that much more obvious by her black chong-sam. After fortune-telling came dinner, Hawaiian songs, hula, and perhaps some anecdotes about New Years past.

Once, when I was five, I saw out of the corner of my eye, perhaps, the shadow of Papa Wong 'way off by the pu-look tree, benevolently watching over his family as he smoked his miu-lang scented cigar.

Here are recipes for three simple dishes that my great-grandfather made and have become traditional at Chinese New Year for my family. The Wongs of my family were Hakka-speaking farmers, and these are all Hakka-style peasant dishes.

Kung Hee Fat Choy!

PORK HASH

1-1/2 lbs. ground pork
1 can water chestnuts, finely chopped
1 bunch green onions, finely chopped
1 egg
1 small jar Chinese sweet pickles

Using a pair of chop sticks, not your hands, mix in a ceramic bowl the ground pork, water chestnuts, onions, and raw egg. After mixing, flatten the mixture in the bowl and top with two to four pickles sliced in half. Steam the hash, in the bowl, in a covered pot for 45 minutes or until done. Serve with soy sauce.

ABALONE SOUP

1 can abalone, cut into pieces one inch thick and juice
1 chicken
1 bunch kai choy (Chinese mustard cabbage), separated and roughly chopped
1 hand fresh ginger root (cut 3 pieces each 2 inches long and 1 inch thick, reserve remainder)
1 small can water chestnuts, diced
7 large dried black shiitake mushrooms, soaked in hot water for half an hour
1 small piece salt pork
1 can bamboo shoots, chopped into pieces 1/4 inch thick
2 cans chicken broth (optional)
1 small piece Chinese dried lemon peel (optional)

Boil chicken in large pot with enough water to cover until chicken is fully cooked. Remove chicken and strain broth. Set chicken aside to cool and use in making Ginger Chicken (next recipe). Return broth to pot and add salt pork, canned chicken broth, lemon peel, bamboo shoots, water chestnuts, and ginger root. Bring to a boil and simmer for about two minutes. Add mushrooms, abalone, and juice. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add kai choy and cook just until kai choy is tender, about five minutes. The kai choy should remain green. Serve with plain steamed rice. My family puts one scoop of rice into the soup bowl, then adds the soup and a dash of soy sauce.

GINGER CHICKEN

1 boiled chicken (from Abalone Soup recipe)
Fresh ginger root (from Abalone Soup recipe)
1-2 tbsp cooking oil
Chinese parsley (cilantro), chopped
Take cooled whole chicken used for Abalone Soup and cut into small pieces with a cleaver. Arrange chicken pieces on a platter. In a frying pan heat cooking oil. Finely grate ginger root and fry in the cooking oil; do not brown. Pour ginger and oil over cold chicken and garnish top and sides of platter with cilantro. Serve Ginger Chicken with individual dishes of soy sauce for dipping.

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Dr. Sandy Pomerantz (left) and Clay Biscoe of Club 21 (right) look over some of the pledges. The benefit raised pledges amounting to \$5200 for six months and \$570 in cash. Total expenses were less than \$200.

Photos by Tim Warford
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Bartender Michael Sweazy announces the Club 21 employees' pledges for the support of the Sacramento Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation.

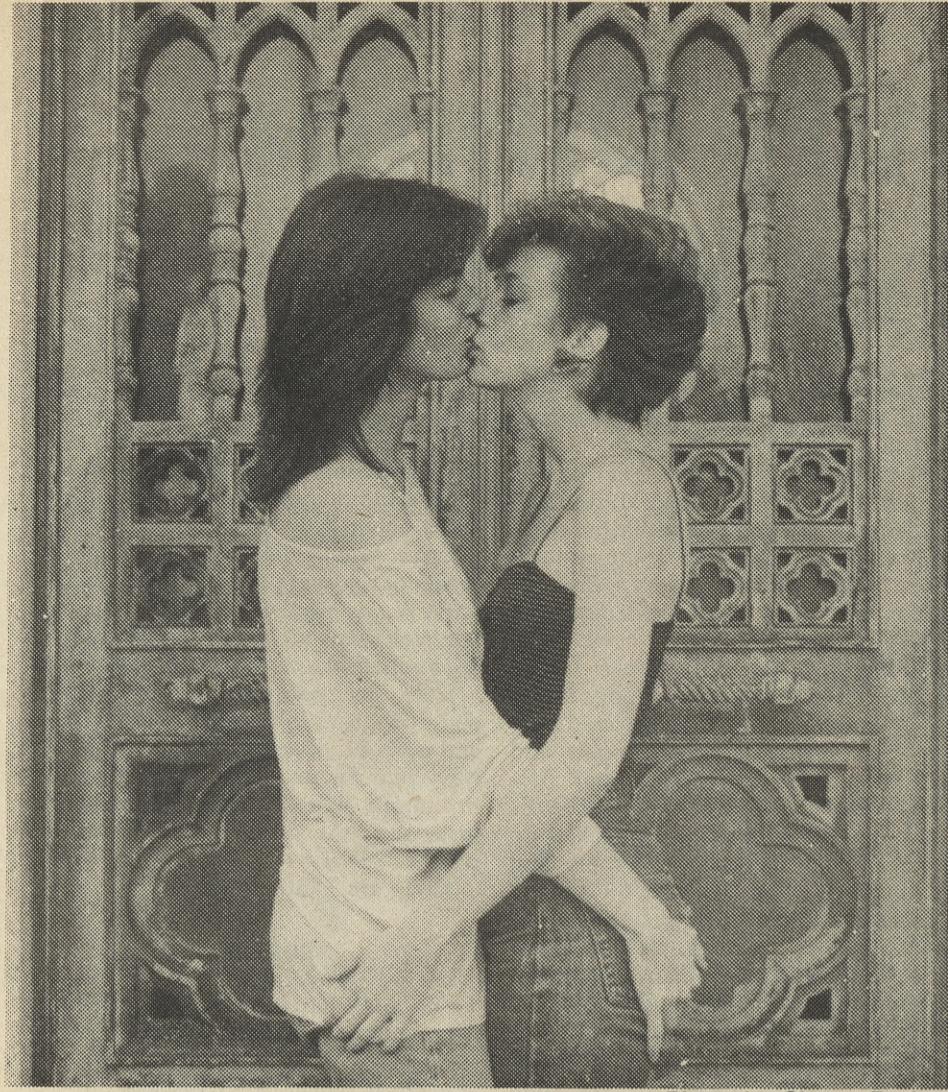


Photo by Sherry Burkart

Exhibit For Women's History Week

Bay Area photographer Sherry Burkart will show her works in Sacramento during Women's History Week at California State University, Sacramento, March 9 and 10.

Burkart has been photographing women for the last 12 years. As her art has evolved, so has her recognition of the importance of lesbian artists' documenting lesbian lives. Her work ranges from the everyday to the erotic and is always exciting to see.

In recent years, women have become increasingly aware of the need to reclaim their history and document their everyday lives for future generations. This is one of the aims of Women's History Week. Burkart's work is part of this larger movement, and has been featured by conceptual artists throughout California.

For more information on Burkart's show or Women's History Week, contact the Women's Resources office at CSUS, 454-7388. *

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Travelers Win Air Fare Wars

By DALE JANSSEN

War is raging again, but this time it is not in the Middle East or Central America, but between the nation's airlines.

When the airlines start to battle the one clear victor is the consumer.

Between now and April 1 one can fly from San Francisco to almost anywhere in the continental U.S. for \$99 one-way.

The major destinations from Sacramento included at this fare are New York, Washington D.C., Chicago and Denver.

For \$104 one-way, one can travel from Sacramento to Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans and most Florida destinations.

The best way to be sure if your destination is a part of this bargain is to check with your travel agent or airline.

The savings are substantial. After April 1, the lowest fare from Sacramento to New York will be \$189.00 one-way.

As with any special fare, there are a few travel restrictions. The flights must be booked and paid for one week in advance and the minimum stay is one week, with a maximum of two weeks.

It is best to plan early because there are a limited number of seats at the \$99 fare on each flight.

The air fare war started during November when Pan American World Airways opened its entire domestic system to a non-restricted \$99 fare.

The other major carriers followed suit, but they all called a truce during the heavily traveled holiday period.

After the holidays, traditionally a slow time for the airlines, the battle started again.

The airlines hope these low prices will fill up the empty seats.

If this will work it is too early to tell, but one thing is for certain — the one who takes advantage of this latest air fare battle will be the victor.

Dale Janssen, a travel agent, is co-owner of Vacation Station Travel, 2336 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. *

RR Museum Marks

Black History Month

Black History month is being celebrated throughout February in a unique exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

The exhibit, located in the Museum's lobby gallery, broadly interprets the Black experience as railroad workers, focusing on selected occupations, events and individuals, from the early nineteenth century to the present.

The exhibit, presented by the State Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with individuals in the Black community, contains photos, documents, artifacts and films. *

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ITEMS**Blood Bank Backlash?**

By RICK VAN DYKE

Just in case you don't have anything to do Thursday evening, Feb. 10: Sacramento Union columnist **Peter Anderson** will be the guest speaker at the River City Business Association meeting at 8 p.m. at the Incredible Edible; the Rev. **Troy Perry** will be at River City MCC at 7:30 p.m. to raise funds for a TV documentary entitled "Gods, Gays, and the Gospel"; the CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union is having a general meeting to open the spring semester at 7:30 p.m. in the California Suite of the University Union; and the **Sacramento Peace Center** is presenting convicted draft resister **Ben Sasway** at 7:30 p.m. at the Newman Center, across from the main entrance to Sac State.

Thanks to **Clay and Bill Biscoe**, who hosted the AIDS fundraiser at their **Club 21** on Jan. 27. It was a great success, with a truly moving and impressive outpouring of love and caring and generosity. But the fight has not yet been won, so be sure to come to the next two fundraising events for Sacramento's own AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation, February 16 at the Wreck Room and March 7 at the Mercantile Saloon.

Psychiatrist **Dave McWhirter** and psychologist **Drew Mattison** told The Star recently that their book about gay male couples and the dynamics of their relationships should be published by Prentice-Hall this fall. Tentatively titled "The Male Couple," it promises to be an important and influential tome. In two Sacramento appearances sponsored by the CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union, Dave and Drew have impressed large audiences. Look for them to be back after their book appears.

The Sacramento Unit of the American Cancer Society invites people with cancer, their families and friends to a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. till noon at the ACS office, 915 20th Street (a block up from the Wreck Room). "HOPE: Resources for the Crisis of Cancer" provides educational and emotional tools to help deal with cancer, and anyone concerned is welcome.

The latest issue of Dignity/Sacramento's newsletter has some interesting bits of news in it. Most important: "Our good Bishop **Francis Quinn** . . . recently wrote a personal letter to Assemblyman **Art Agnos** in support of AB1. This bill would prevent discrimination against lesbian and gay people in the area of employment in the state of California." At Dignity's regular monthly meeting, to be held at St. Francis Church after their monthly 3 p.m. mass on Sunday, Feb. 13, **Jill Kelly** will discuss the report of the Archdiocese of San Francisco's task force on homosexuality (recently repudiated by Monsignor **Peter Armstrong**, new chair of the archdiocesan Social Justice Commission), and the group will nominate officers for the coming year.

Dignity also has two potlucks scheduled for February. **Women in Dignity** are having their monthly potluck on Feb. 20. **Jill Kelly** at 453-0217 and **Alberta Lane** at 739-6891 have details. And co-chair **Bill Stuart** is hosting a mass and potluck at his home on Feb. 27. Call him at 927-1598 for information.

The Sacramento Men's Collective has a new telephone number, says **Joe Balestreri**, who's taking the calls. For information about the collective and its activities—open rap groups on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, business meeting on the third Wednesday, and men-only potlucks on the third Sunday—call 441-1959.

Quit smoking for someone you love. That's the American Lung Association's Valentine's Day suggestion. To help, they're offering a stop-smoking clinic from 7-9 p.m. for five consecutive Thursdays starting Feb. 17. The clinic will be held at City College, says director **Lynn Robie, R.N.**, and costs only \$20. Lung Association President **Carol Bass** says the clinics are coordinated with Valentine's Day "to motivate smokers to quit by making a commitment to a special person." Call toll-free 800-852-7777, operator 535 for information about the Association's "Freedom from Smoking" package, and receive a Valentine's card to send to a "special person." Designed by local graphic artist **Gene Hoisington**, the card tells that person "I Stopped Smoking Because I **♥** You."

According to informed sources, a well-known local lesbian was recently asked her sexual preference when she tried to give blood at the **Sacramento Blood Bank**. After she protested strenuously, they relented and allowed her to donate blood. Is this the beginning of the backlash everyone's been predicting? Whether it is or not, it certainly sounds like an unwarranted over-reaction.

In an interview in a recent issue of California Viewpoint, a Republican Party magazine, Governor **George Deukmejian**'s chief of staff **Stephen Merksamer** praised former Governor **Edmund G. Brown, Jr.** for bringing more women and minorities into top levels of state government. Merksamer added, "That's something the governor [Deukmejian] is committed to."

Unsuccessful SMUD Board candidate **Ed Smeloff** has slated three fundraisers to try to pay off his \$5,000 campaign debt. On Friday, Feb. 11, from 9 till midnight, City Councilmember **Dave Shore** and **Paul Gallender** will dish out political comedy at **Weatherstone**, 814 21st Street. \$10 per person. On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5-8 p.m. at 1700 N Street, SMUD Board member **Rick Castro** will host **Huey Johnson**, former State Secretary of Resources, speaking on "Energy Policy in the Deukmejian Era." This one is \$15. Finally, on Saturday, March 12, a showcase of local talent in high-energy entertainment at the **Fox and Goose**, 10th and R Streets, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Only \$5. A "Second Annual Special Package Deal" gets you into all three events for \$25. Call 447-5696 or 443-7831 for more information.

Celebrate Mardi Gras five days late and support a worthy cause. Put on your costume and join the Mardi Gras Parade from Sutter's Fort down K Street to the Jambalaya Party at Vangari's, starting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. The party benefits Project TREE and features Cajun food and live music—Dixieland, Cajun, Tex-Mex, gospel, blues, and more. *



Rick Van Dyke

Gay Press Association Western Regional Conference Will Look At Professionalism

The six-state Gay Press Association (GPA) 1983 Western Regional Conference, scheduled for San Francisco on March 12 and 13, will take a hard look at the progress toward professionalism of the lesbian and gay media, beginning in the days before Stonewall and extending into the future when computers will have a greater impact on the flow of information.

In addition to the invaluable networking this conference will afford, there will be a number of workshops and seminars. Men and women who were instrumental in founding and guiding early gay and lesbian publications, others who are working on a documentary on the progress of our media, and persons with knowledge and experience in the use of computer technology in the media and small businesses are being invited to participate in workshops designed to impart to participants solid, useful knowledge and information that will enable them to better serve their constituents—the gay men and lesbians of the western United States.

How can the media work with lesbians and gay men in political groups and the offices of elected officials to better serve the interests of our community? What is the impact of the gay/lesbian media on the electoral process? Can this be changed for better or worse? A panel of professional political aides is being in-

vited to address these and other vital political questions.

A panel of working gay/lesbian editors is being invited to talk to the freelance writers, photographers and others present about the problems that an editor faces—budgets, writers who are married to their words, publishers who have their own agendas, etc.

A panel of publishers from gay/lesbian publications is being asked to relate their special knowledge about keeping a business alive and how the realities of doing business affect their relationships with their staffers.

A panel of writers and freelancers will be invited to look at the issue of the wire service being established by GPA.

Douglas A. Wright and Tony Torres, co-chairmen of the conference, say, "we intend that these and other workshops and seminars will not avoid hard questions, but will attempt to make a realistic assessment of where we have been, where we are now, and where we must go with regard to issues such as the problems of delinquent accounts payable, the potential for greater cooperation between men and women and the media outlets which serve them in the community, setting standards and goals regarding the quality of our work and our behavior and responsibilities as representatives of our respective businesses and our community." *

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 9

- * The STAR is published.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.
- * Coupling and Sexuality Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.

Thursday, February 10

- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.
- * Rev. Troy Perry speaks about MCC-sponsored TV documentary on gays and religion, with clips from the film. Sponsored by River City MCC Men's Support Group. 2741 34th St. near Broadway. 7:30 p.m. Call MCC at 454-4762 or Larry Dunlap at 447-1065 for information.
- * CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union general meeting. Hear about the spring program. California Suite, University Union. 7:30 p.m. Call Herman, 381-8541, for more information.
- * Hear draft resister Ben Sasway. Sponsored by Sacramento Peace Center. Newman Center, 5900 Newman Court, off Carlson Drive between H and J Sts. 7:30 p.m.
- * RCBA General Membership meeting. Guest: Sacramento Union columnist Peter Anderson. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m. Call 422-6541 for info.

Friday, February 11

- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.
- * Valentine's Day Dance. Sponsored by Dignity/Sacramento. Tickets \$2. Proceeds to Western Regional Lesbian and Gay Student Conference, March 11-13 at CSUS. DJ David Searle. Beer, wine, and soft drinks. St. Francis' Parish Hall, 25th and K. 8 p.m.-midnight.
- * American Conservatory Theatre presents "The Gin Game" Tickets \$10 (\$8.50 for EMPAC subscribers). Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center. 8 p.m. Box office 441-6991.
- * "Nuts," a play about a woman's struggle against mental health laws and violence against women. Opening night. Fridays and Saturdays through Mar. 19. \$5 general, \$4 student, 451-9604 for reservations. Chautauqua Playhouse, 25th and R Sts. 8:30 p.m.
- * "Laugh Till It Hurts!" Political comedy by Dave Shore and Paul Gallender. \$10. Fundraiser for Ed Smeloff campaign debt. Weatherstone, 814 21st St. 9 p.m.-midnight.

- * Northwest Gathering of Radical Fairies outside Detroit, Oregon, through Feb. 14.

Saturday, February 12

- * CSUS Lesbian/Gay People's Union Fun Day. Starts at 11 a.m. Call Herman at 381-8541 for more information.
- * SDA Kinship potluck. 455-8940 for info.
- * Women-Only Potluck sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. Call Chris at 457-1372 for time and place.
- * American Conservatory Theatre presents "Dear Liar." Tickets \$10 (\$8.50 for EMPAC subscribers). Eleanor McClatchy Performing Arts Center. 8 p.m. Box office 441-6991.
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Sunday, February 13

- * River City Metropolitan Community Church. Worship, 11 a.m., followed by social and young peoples' group. 2741 34th Street. Call 454-4762.
- * Dignity Mass/meeting. St. Francis Church, side chapel. Report on SF archdiocese task force report, nomination of officers. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.
- * Outlanders' Valentines Potluck. Roseville. 4 p.m. Call June at 786-5727 or Susan and Lee at 786-9454 for more information.
- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.
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Monday, February 14

- * Coming Out Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. First meeting. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.
- * Open Door Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.
- * Man Two Man movies at home. Call 391-9755.
- * Our Community United meeting. Election of new Board of Trustees. Walnut Room, CSUS University Union. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15

- * Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, February 16

- * Deadline for The STAR.
- * "Energy Policy in the Deukmejian Era." Rick Castro hosts Huey Johnson. \$15. Fundraiser for Ed Smeloff campaign debt. 1700 N St. 5-8 p.m.
- * Man Two Man social. Potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.
- * Fundraising Raffle for Sacramento AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation. The Wreck Room. Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Thursday, February 17

- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.
- * Davis Gay Student Union Valentine's Day Dance. \$2. UC Davis Coffee House. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Call Scott at 753-1797 for more information.

Saturday, February 19

- * River City Metropolitan Community Church. Worship, 11 a.m., followed by social and young peoples' group. 2741 34th Street. Call 454-4762.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective men-only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.
- * Women in Dignity potluck. Call Jill at 453-0217 or Alberta at 739-6891 for time and place.
- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.

Sunday, February 20

- * Coming Out Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.

- * River City Business Association. Board of Directors meeting. Election of officers. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

- * Open Door Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Bob, 451-8992 for more information.

- * Man Two Man movies at home. Call 391-9755.

- * Our Community United meeting. Election of new Board of Trustees. Walnut Room, CSUS University Union. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22

- * Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- * Sacramento Gay Youth. Call Victor, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, February 23

- * The STAR is published.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for more information.

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Thursday, February 24

- * Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.

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VALENTINE MESSAGES

Brian, I love you in every way imaginable and want you only!

Happy Valentine's Day!, Jeff R. Thou hast won my heart. Archie.

Happy V.D. Mistress Martha. Love always, Mistress Ethyl.

Harlow, Wanna get frisky? She was a waitress at a bar. Phred.

Jason, Bears love you forever and ever. Love, Mr. Wally.

KA, I give to you my eternal love. Happy Valentine's Day. TS.

Kris, Much love to the best friend a family ever had. J. J. & A.

Poosey Bear, Thanks for 5 years of love, support, & fun. He Aloha A Pau Loa, Binty.

Special thanks and Valentines to the Emperor from the Empress.

Tony R. You and I together. I love you so much. Happy 2nd. Love, Rick.

Treb, I love you truly, Petula.

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